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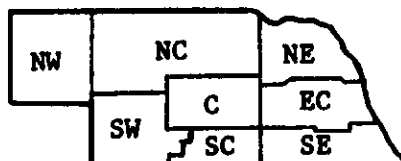
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WEATHER

The week was warm and mild. Only light precipitation occurred the first half of the week. Temperatures averaged from one degree above normal in the east up to five degrees above in the west.

GENERAL

Row crop harvest was nearing completion in many parts of the State, according to the Nebraska Agricultural Statistics Service. Harvest was in full swing across the State with excellent harvesting weather. An average of 6.2 days were suitable for fieldwork. Many farmers were doing fall tillage operations or fencing harvested fields for grazing after completing their harvest. The sugar beet harvest continued in the Panhandle with brief interruptions from light rains. Chinch bug populations were reported to be extremely high for this time of year in some eastern counties.

Topsoil moisture was 79% short and 21% adequate. Subsoil moisture was 86% short and 14% adequate. Last year, topsoil moisture was 78% short and 22% adequate, while subsoil moisture was 82% short and 18% adequate.

CROPS

Corn harvest was 80% complete compared with 77% last year and 65% average. Many eastern growers

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reported field losses were surprisingly low considering the amount of corn borer damage to stalks. Harvest was most advanced in the east and least advanced in the west and southwest. Some northern growers preferred to let their corn dry down more before combining.

Sorghum harvest was 90% complete compared with 84% in 1989 and 75% average. Producers were able to pick up most of the crop that was knocked down by recent high winds. Harvesting was least advanced in the southwest.

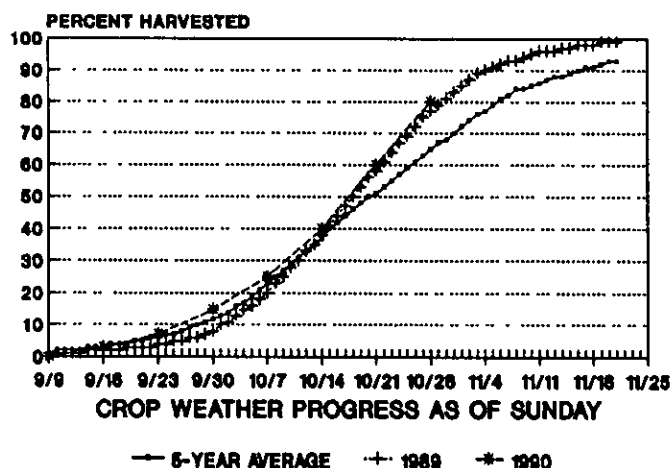
Soybean harvest was nearly complete at 98% compared with 93% last year and 84% average. Only scattered fields remain to be harvested.

Winter wheat condition was 8% poor, 38% fair, 52% good, and 2% excellent. The crop's growth was slow due to cool weather but last week's warmer days helped it catch up to normal in some areas. Light rain helped the crop in some areas but good rains are needed statewide.

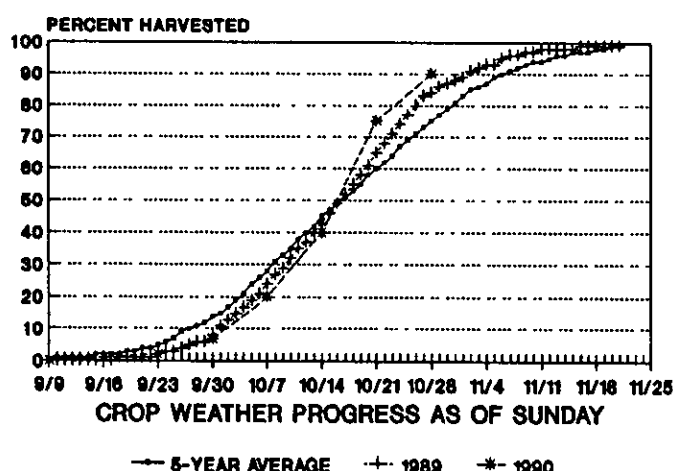
LIVESTOCK

Pasture and range conditions were 12% very poor, 37% poor, 38% fair, and 13% good. Most cattle were in harvested fields or winter pastures. Many others were receiving supplemental feedings. Calves, yearlings, and culls were moving to market in the western part of the State.

NEBRASKA -- CORN HARVESTED



NEBRASKA -- SORGHUM HARVESTED



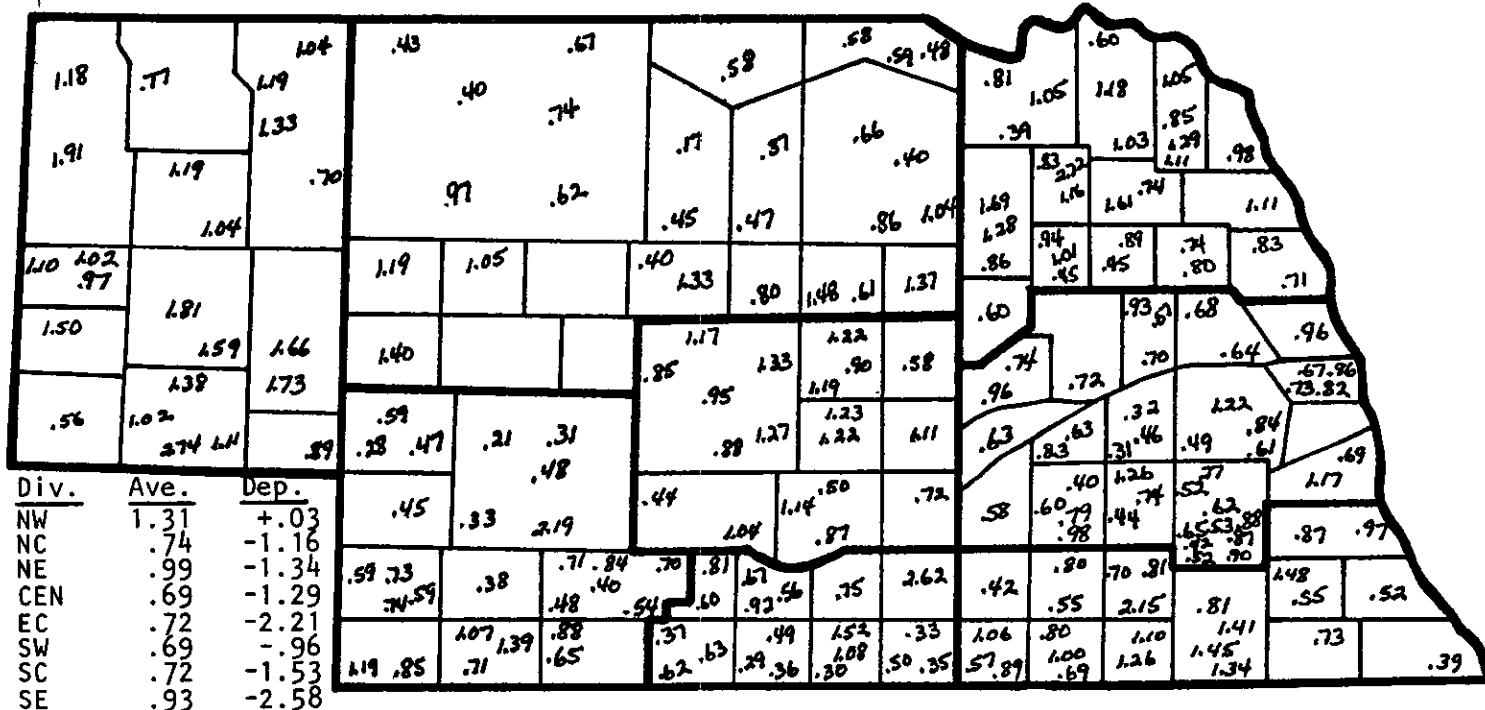
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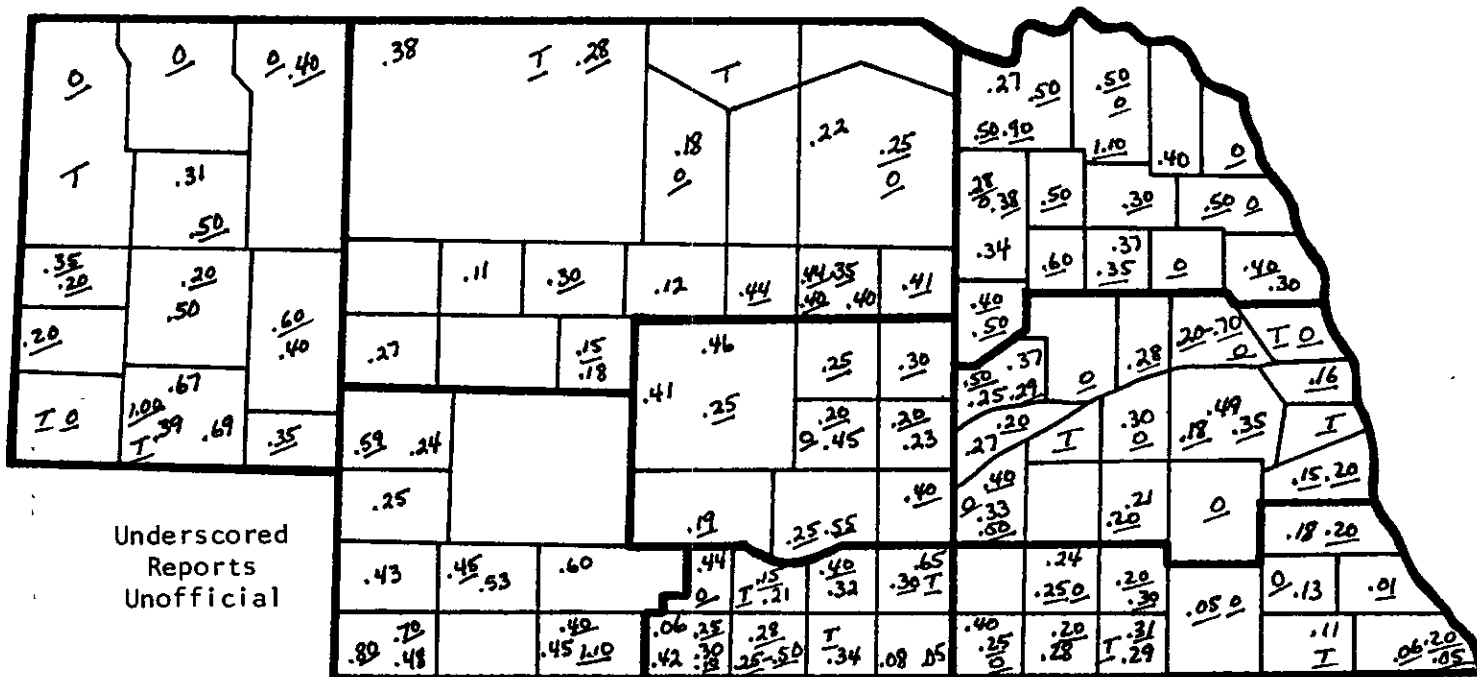
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PRECIPITATION MAP FOR MONTH OF SEPTEMBER 1990 1/



1/ Courtesy of the Department of Agricultural Meteorology, Institute of Agriculture and Natural Resources, The University of Nebraska-Lincoln.

PRECIPITATION MAP FOR WEEK ENDING FRIDAY, OCTOBER 26, 1990



TEMPERATURE AND PRECIPITATION DATA FOR WEEK ENDING SUNDAY, OCTOBER 28, 1990

Station		Temperature			Precipitation
		Extremes		Mean	Departure
		Max	Min		
NW	Chadron	85	19	50	---
	Scottsbluff	83	22	50	+4
	Sidney	79	30	50	---
NC	Ord	84	25	52	---
	Valentine	83	27	50	+5
NE	Norfolk	78	25	49	+1
	Sioux City	73	26	49	+1
CEN	Grand Island	82	32	52	+3
EC	Lincoln	79	28	51	+1
	Omaha	75	33	52	+2
SW	Imperial	81	30	53	---
	North Platte	85	26	51	+5

1/ Precipitation totals not included in map above.